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In re Patent Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2823
Osamu NAKAMURA et al.) Examiner: H. Lee
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The Official Action mailed January 5, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to April 5, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

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The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on August 23, 2002 and October 31, 2003.

Claims 1-3, 5-22, 24-39 and 41-58 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 18, 35, 55 and 57 are independent. The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 35-39, 41-51, 54, 57 and 58 and the indication of the allowability of claims 2, 3, 5, 21, 22, 24 and 56 (pages 9-10, Paper No. 123103). For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action continues to reject claims 1, 6-20, 25-34, 52, 53 and 55 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the combination of claims 10, 12, 14, 16, 17 and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,204,101 to